

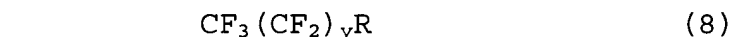
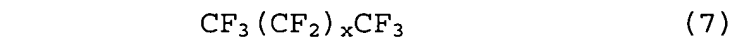
LIST OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A curable fluoropolyether rubber composition comprising

(A) a straight-chain fluoropolyether compound having at least two alkenyl groups in a molecule and a perfluoropolyether structure in the backbone,

(B) an organosilicon compound having at least two silicon atom-bonded hydrogen atoms in a molecule,

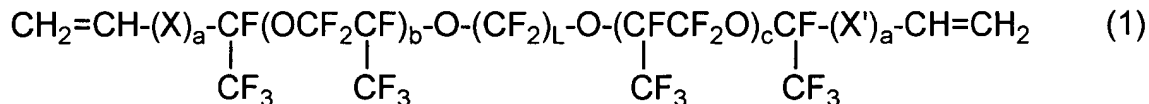
(C) a perfluoroparaffin or perfluoroparaffin derivative having the general formula (7) or (8):



wherein R is hydrogen, halogen exclusive of fluorine, or a hydrocarbon group of 1 to 30 carbon atoms, x is a number in the range of 10 to 40, y is a number in the range of 2 to 40, each of x and y may be a single number or have a distribution in the range,
in powder form which contains at least 80% by weight of a volatile component that volatilizes off when held in a drier at 200°C for 4 hours, and has a melting point of at least 50°C, and

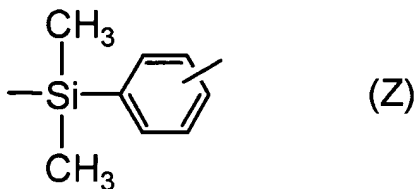
(D) a hydrosilylation catalyst.

2. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein component (A) is a straight-chain fluoropolyether compound of the following general



formula (1):

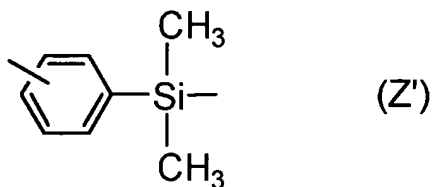
wherein X is $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2-$ or $-\text{Y}-\text{NR}^1-\text{CO}-$ wherein Y is $-\text{CH}_2-$ or a dimethylphenylsilylene group of the following structural



formula (Z):

(o, m or p-position) and R^1 is hydrogen, methyl, phenyl or allyl,

X' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2-$ or $-\text{CO}-\text{NR}^1-\text{Y}'-$ wherein Y' is $-\text{CH}_2-$ or a dimethylphenylsilylene group of the following structural formula (Z'):



(o, m or p-position) and R^1 is as defined above,

"a" is independently 0 or 1, L is an integer of 2 to 6, and b and c each are an integer of 0 to 200.

3. Canceled

4. (Original) A rubber article comprising the curable fluoropolyether rubber composition of claim 1 in the cured state.

5. (Original) The rubber article of claim 4 for use in automobiles, chemical plants, ink jet printers, semiconductor manufacturing lines, analytical or scientific instruments, medical equipment, aircraft or fuel cells.

6. (Original) The rubber article of claim 4 which is a diaphragm, valve, O-ring, oil seal, gasket, packing, joint or face seal.

7. (NEW) The composition of claim 1, wherein said x is a number in the range of from 10 to 30.

8. (NEW) The composition of claim 1, wherein said y is a number in the range of from 6 to 14.